



OUR NEXT WEBINAR

Join us on Thursday, February 22, for the latest in our series of [webinars](#) featuring superintendents from across Manitoba. Next up is Krista Curry from Border Land S.D., who will be sharing her thoughts and experiences on the topic of effective divisional leadership retreats. Whatever its purpose—developing positive relationships, setting strategic plans, clarifying roles or team-building—an effective retreat starts with clear goals, and ultimately helps blaze a trail to improved student outcomes. To register, contact Board Development Consultant [Janis Arnold](#) no later than 10:00 a.m. on February 22. And if you can't join in live, the webinar will be available for viewing in our [online library](#).

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FOUR WEEKS AND COUNTING

With just four weeks to go until convention, here are a few not-quite-last-minute reminders and updates.

- The authorization to receive board ballots form was sent to school divisions last week. Board ballots are used for votes on things by-law-related. Given that there are several of these this year, please ensure that the completed form is returned to the association office prior to convention. That way, boards will receive their ballots without any hitches.
- Speaking of by-laws, the full resolutions package is being distributed to boards this week. It will be posted subsequently to our [convention page](#).
- Just a reminder that we are still looking for [raffle donations](#) in support of [First Steps](#), a Winnipeg Harvest program that provides baby formula province-wide. Donations can be dropped off at the association office in advance of the convention, or brought to the registration desk on-site. Prize draws will take place at midday on Friday, with the winners announced just after lunch.
- Early riser with a lot on your mind? Then you may want to take advantage of a little something new we've added to the program this year. On Friday morning, along with your breakfast, pick up a table sign to label with any topic that interests you, as a way of inviting like-minded individuals to join you for informal discussions before the official program starts.

For the most up-to-date program and news as it happens, check out our [convention page](#).

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

In 2018, four provincial executive positions are up for election: Vice-President (6000+ students), Director, Region 1, Director, Region 3, and one of the positions for Director, Region 5.

[Nominations](#) received to date are:

- Sandy Nemeth (Louis Riel S.D.—Vice-President),
- Kelli Riehl (Swan Valley S.D.—Region 1),
- Lena Kublick (Lord Selkirk S.D.—Region 3),
- Jerry Sodomlak (River East Transcona S.D.—Region 5) and Kathleen McMillan (Pembina Trails S.D.—Region 5).

Additional nominations may be [submitted](#) until the final call for nominations at the convention call to order on the morning of Thursday, March 15.

EARLY LEARNING RESOURCES

Did you know that the Manitoba Curriculum Support Centre (CSC) now houses the Manitoba Early Learning and Child Care Collection? According to the latest [Manitoba K-12 website update](#), this is a terrific resource for early childhood educators and primary teachers.

A list of all titles in this collection can be accessed through the [CSC Catalogue](#).



MERN NORTH 2018 FORUM

[Registration](#) is now open for [MERN North 2018 Forum](#). The Forum will be held on Friday, March 9, 2018, at the UCN - The Pas Campus. The program features keynote and closing presentations by three female superintendents who are leading northern school divisions.

Breakout sessions by teachers, faculty and teacher candidates working in northern schools will cover a wide range of topics, including diversity, French language instruction, teaching higher-order thinking, reconciliation, and much more. The Forum will conclude with the launch of volume 15 of the *MERN Journal*. As always, there is no fee to attend this event, and lunch will be provided.



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